

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1119

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION; AMENDING SECTION 61-315, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR LOW-INCOME BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PROGRAMS TO PUBLIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 61-315, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

61-315. DISCRIMINATION AND PREFERENCE PROHIBITED. (1) No public utility shall, as to rates, charges, service, facilities or in any other respect, make or grant any preference or advantage to any corporation or person or subject any corporation or person to any prejudice or disadvantage. No public utility shall establish or maintain any unreasonable difference as to rates, charges, service, facilities or in any other respect, either as between localities or as between classes of service.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing or any provision of the public utilities law, and upon voluntary application of a public utility providing electric or natural gas service, the commission may approve any just and reasonable rates that recover the costs of programs that provide bill payment assistance, or other programs, for the utility's low-income customers.

(3) The commission shall have the power to determine any question of fact arising under this section.